

# Washington Career Academy for the Deaf (WaCAD)

Many doors of opportunity exist in the world, but without the keys to unlock them they remain closed. The **Washington Career Academy for the Deaf** provides the keys to open the doors of opportunity, independence, and success for your future.



## MISSION

Within a 3-9 month period, participants in the **Washington Career Academy for the Deaf** will attain foundational skills and training to become responsible, independent adults.

The successful student will demonstrate:

- Independent living skills
- Responsible work behaviors
- Effective communication skills
- Quality work performance, products, and/or services
- The ability to work as a team member

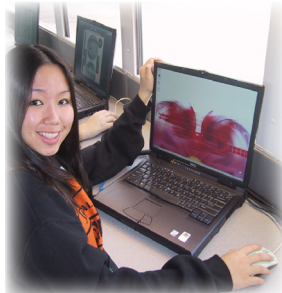


## Purpose

The purpose of the **Washington Career Academy for the Deaf** is to serve young deaf adults, ages 18-22, who have a high school diploma or GED. Focus areas include job readiness, vocational training, independent living skills, and college support.

## Employment Skills

- Filling out applications
- Writing resumes
- Conducting job searches
- Developing job interview skills
- Keeping a job
- Communicating with work peers/supervisor
- Being a team player



## Vocational Training Areas

- Housekeeping (hotel, hospital, homes, schools)
- Food industry (prep cook, food service aide)
- Maintenance (school, hotel)
- Auto Mechanic (Clark County)
- Custom program based on interests
- Court Clerk (Clark County)
- Teacher Aide
- Welding
- Custodial
- Individual interests

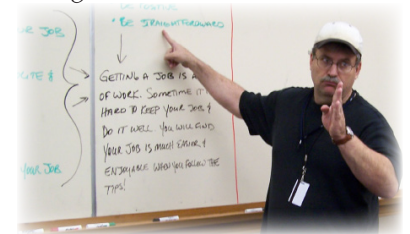
## Apprentice Program

WSD offers support in entering a paid apprentice program at WA Labor & Industries. Applicant must be proficient in math, reading and writing.

## Independent Living Skills

Life Centered Career Education (LCCE) curriculum focusing on:

- On-site apartment living
- Transportation education
- Money management
- Self-advocacy



## College Support

- Clark Community College
- Washington State University Vancouver

## Staff Support

- Establishing individual success plans
- Job coaching
- Interpreting
- Independent living skills training
- Liaison with the community
- Supervision as needed
- Role modeling

## What is Provided?

The Washington School for the Deaf provides housing, food, staff and some transportation. **Washington Career Academy for the Deaf** participants are responsible for paying all their own college and vocational/technical school fees and supplies.

- How will the Washington Career Academy for the Deaf help me?
- Independent living skills
- Work experience training
- Self-advocacy skills

- How is the Washington Career Academy for the Deaf different from other transition programs?
- Communication-accessible environment
- One-on-one support
- Immersion in Deaf Culture

### How to Apply?

For questions and application, contact:  
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Visit the Washington Career Academy for the Deaf web page at [www.wsd.wa.gov](http://www.wsd.wa.gov) to print an application. Send completed application along with a \$25 non-refundable application/processing fee to WSD- 611 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, Wa 98661. Refundable security deposit of \$100 due upon acceptance to program.

Admission to and termination from the program is determined by the Washington Career Academy for the Deaf coordination team.



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Washington School for the Deaf  
 &  
 Center for Childhood Deafness  
 and Hearing Loss (CDHL) with  
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 Rehabilitation (DVR)



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